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Barbie-Bush

Vice President George Bush today said the United States was delighted Klaus Barbie had been brought back to face a French court despite reports the former Nazi had worked for U.S. intelligence after World War II.

Bush was asked at a Paris press conference about reports Barbie had been paid to spy in East Europe by U.S. military intelligence in the late 1940s and that he later received U.S. protection.

Bush, a former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, replied that the United States was deeply offended by inhumanity and brutalization during World War Two and that "the United States will continue to be in the forefront of countries concerned about war-related crimes.

"We were delighted that through the legal system this man is being brought to justice and under French justice will be accorded a fair trial," Bush said.

Barbie, twice convicted of war crimes in his absence, was brought back from Bolivia to France Saturday to face charges of crimes against humanity.